

Boston, March 5, 1854.

Dear Mr Webb, I hope you will not be utterly tired of hearing of our Annual Box, before you see it. - I forgot, when I wrote you a fortnight since, that I should have to send you a Bill of Lading (or some similar document); if I had remembered that, & the necessity of writing you now, I should have deferred what I then had to say to the present time. - I now enclose a regular receipt for the Box, which will answer, they say, all the practical purposes of a Bill of Lading - freight p. to L'pool. - The Ship (the North America) sails tomorrow. - I have not much time to write, nor anything very special to add, save that I am hoping soon to get from you the needed additional item in your acct., viz. the precise sum paid for the De La Rue ^{Box}, wh. will enable me to strike the balance of what you paid on Bazaar acct. above what you rec^d. on the same (or vice versa) & duly enter it upon, & so complete, my ~~Annual~~ Account with the Bazaar. —

After a protracted (& doubtless a violent) session, of the U. S. Senate, prolonged through Friday evening, night, & until 5 o'clock A. M. of yesterday ^{March 4th} morning, the Nebraska Bill of Senator Douglas passed that body. - We have no particulars yet of the scenes which transpired. It has now to go to the H^o. of Representatives. Nothing will be omitted, which artifice & trickery can employ, no ~~any~~ knavery, no bribery, no browbeating, will be ~~refrained from~~ ^{refrained from} to force this infamous bill through that body. That they will do it, is as certain as anything future can be. — The course of Antislavery lectures in the New York Broadway Tabernacle will be concluded this week by one, being the 13th in the series, - from Ralph Waldo Emerson. For this course of lectures, ^{which has been triumphantly successful,} the cause is mainly indebted to Mr. Oliver Johnson, the new Associate Editor of the National Antislavery Standard, - though his efforts have been most ably seconded & sustained by those of

Several other gentlemen, members of the New York City Antislavery Society. The lecture last week was given by Wendell Phillips of Boston, and is declared by the New York papers generally to have been one of the most eloquent and impressive addresses ever made upon that subject. The New York Evening Post ^{credits to the host himself} says that a more desirable & intelligent audience could not be collected in the City of New York than were the 3000 people who ~~exactly~~ heard Mr. Phillips. A New York gentleman ^(who has himself spared no pains & efforts to call attention to these lectures) informed me that there were not less than 200 clergymen in the audience, — an extraordinary fact in the history of the Antislavery cause. — Mr. Garrison's Lecture, in this same course, which you will have seen published at length in the New York Times, the A. S. Standard, & the Liberator, ~~has~~ ^{also} been published in a neat pamphlet form, & well worthy ~~it~~ of a more enduring ~~form~~ shape. — It was conceived from a most lofty — a sublime point of view, and deals with this question on the high, broad, unchangeable ground of Conscience and Duty. — Indeed the entire course of Lectures has been a very valuable one, ~~and~~ happy in its conception, & completely successful in execution. — Another course of Antislavery Lectures, from which we hope much, is now going on in Boston. The first of the course was delivered by Rev. Henry Ward Beecher to a very crowded & attentive audience in Park Street Church. The second was given, last week, by Rev. Dr. Edward Beecher of Boston. The next is to be given by Horace Greeley Esq., Editor of the N. Y. Tribune. This course was set on foot chiefly by the exertions & liberality of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe. It was her desire that both Mr. Garrison and Mr. Phillips should take part in the course; and I yet hope that they may.

[I suppose you will observe that I have been telling off the above in a rather precise way. The fact is that I set out to communicate a few paragraphs for the Advocate, — Mary Estlin having said to me that more American communications were desirable. I have asked Whipple to write occasionally some pieces for the Advocate; but he feels too much a stranger to all on your side of the water, or some such difficulty as that. And all our other Antislavery writers have now as much as they can do. From this, I except Anne Weston, I wish you could persuade her to give you a letter for the Advocate.

once a month - i.e. if American correspondence will really help you. The "Advocate" is good enough for us, now. But if you feel that a regular communication, forth from this side, would help it, I don't know the person who would do the work so intelligently, thoroughly, and acceptably to all readers, as Anne Weston. She writes easily, too. I am profoundly sorry to have to admit that her health is so delicate, & that she cannot bear great fatigue, without suffering much in consequence.

One thing I must not omit - for it was that, next to enclosing the Receipt for the box, which brought me to write you this note. In the box are some dozen copies of the Hartford Bible Convention's Discussions. I was reluctant to send anything in the Bazaar box on this subject, knowing how sensitive some of our British friends are, & how ready our enemies would ~~wait~~ catch at such a fact, as a weapon against us. - Wendell Phillips, whom I consulted, agreed with me in this. But when, in packing the box, I found room enough remaining for these books, & that they made but 2 quite small parcels, I concluded (on my own responsibility) to put them in. There are 6 in a parcel, and they are addressed to you, and will go over therefore to Dublin, even if you should conclude, as I suggested in my last to you, to authorize Powell in Liverpool to open the box, & distribute its English & Scotch parcels thence. At any rate, I wish particularly to request that these Hartford Bible books may not be distributed to their several destinations in the same bundles with our Anti-Slavery publications. By all means ^{send} ~~send~~ separately, and charge the expense of the same to me, and I will settle it with the proper persons here. The American A.S. Socy always has stood clear ^{from} and intends to avoid in future, all mere theological questions & sectarian issues, and I should be sorry to do anything which would seem to be, ever so indirectly & remotely, leaving this ground. ~~The~~ It will continue to denounce all Slavery as Sin, and to deal uncompromisingly with every Church & Minister which does not take and maintain Anti-Slavery ground.

The Box contains 300 of the Proceedings of the American Anti-Slavery at its Twentieth Anniversary, held in Phila-

delphia in December last. This pamphlet I think
will interest you very much, and do much good to our
cause in G. Britain - It also contains about 800 of the
Report of the last Bazaar, also in pamphlet form - which
must be liked, & cannot fail to do good, wherever it comes
into contact with a good mind and heart. I also send some
copies of Rev. T. Parker's Discourse on the Anniversary of the
Carrying away into Slavery of Thomas Sims out of the City of
Boston. Also, a few copies of a remarkable Discourse on
American Slavery, & the Guilt of the American people, preached in
Persia, by a Missionary of the American Foreign Mission Board,
Rev. W. Perkins.

March 17th - It was really so, as I anticipated,
in regard to that Night Session of the U. S. Senate.
There was much violence of speech, and false and
insulting charges made against those Senators who
dared to resist Douglass of Illinois in his nefarious
schemes. The papers will give you the particulars.

Whenever you write, tell me what you know
of the Estlin's' health, as you have kindly done
heretofore. I cannot expect, & do not wish, to hear from
them directly as often as formerly; because I know it would
be an injury to Mr E. to write much, and because Mary
E. has more on her hands now than she is physically
equal to.

Please give my sincere regards to your
wife - my best love to Pillsbury if he is near
you - and believe me, Most truly Yours

Samuel May, Jr.